



Envision Arlington Diversity Task Group

Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm (official meeting start at 7PM)

Remote Participation, via Zoom

Attendees: Michele Oshima, Jane Flores, Elizabeth Dray, Kathy Modigliani, Laurie Key, Len Diggins, Stephanie Ettinger de Cuba, Louise Popkin

Facilitator: Michele Oshima

Minutes: Michele Oshima

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement Status Update**—delay, hesitant, UAINC didn't support the Day of Mourning effort in Arlington, reach out to the Indigenous in Arlington, outreach—no list exists, one Native American living in Arlington
- 4. Share what is bringing you joy during this time**
- 5. DTG entry to Annual Report**—From Rebecca, "I'm happy to update DTG's section for the annual Envision Arlington Report with your help. Can you please discuss what highlights we should include in this year's entry and either come up with a few words or give me a contact person that I can reach out to for additional details?" Sarah McKinnon offered to help.
- 6. MBTA Communities**—Michele reported being contacted by town members, one of which Dray advised is a real estate broker.
- 7. Updates on Town events, news, etc.**
 - The Hispanic Heritage event at the Community Center has led to more engagement, Kathy and Ileana have not

connected yet. Latinx vs. Hispanic. Invite Ileana to attend a meeting, Louise, Elizabeth

- The Arlington Reads Together Title for 2024 is *Solito: A MEMOIR* by Javier Zamora
- The Social Justice Book Club at Robbins Library for January 30, 2024 (7:00pm-8:00pm) book selection: *The people's hospital: hope and peril in American medicine* by Ricardo Nulia
- January 25th Lunar Event (4-6pm), contact Theresa Marzilli if you want to help/set up at 2pm, clean up until 7pm
- Warrant is open until end of January. Elizabeth can help us understand the process.